

BEAUTIFUL GIRL ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

She Is Handsomely Gowned and Has Every Appearance of Refinement—No Explanation Given for Her Rash Attempt.

A young woman walked into the Park View Hotel at 55 West Forty-second street at noon today and smiled in a tired way at the clerk.

"I'm tired," she said, "and it is not pleasant to shop in this snow storm. Let me have a room and I will rest."

The clerk assigned her room 60 on the top floor.

Then the woman registered in a trembling hand as Mrs. C. Patterson, 109 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. This sort of registration was a bit peculiar, so the clerk looked the woman over.

She was twenty years old. She had dark hair that clustered about a very pretty face. She had a pair of fine brown eyes, the clerk noted.

She wore a red dress, a blue waist and a blue hat trimmed with ostrich feathers. She wore a blue jacket and a black sash. Altogether she seemed to be a refined person.

She went wearily up to her room, and the clerk forgot about her until a man rushed breathlessly into the office and said that a woman had committed suicide in Room 60 on the top floor.

The man said that he had heard groaning and moaning cries coming from the room. He knocked on the door but received no answer. He knocked again, but was unable to get any response. The cries still continued, so the man peered over the transom.

He saw a young woman lying on the bed, a bottle in her hand and moaning piteously. He broke open the door and rushed into the room. He saw that the young woman was unconscious and that her lips were badly burned.

She was the young woman who fifteen minutes before had registered as Mrs. C. Patterson. The clerk hurriedly summoned Dr. Birmingham, of 112 West Forty-third street. He said the woman was suffering from chloroform poisoning.

Mrs. Patterson was removed to Flower Hospital.

A letter was found in the room addressed to the care of J. Manchester, 109 East Eighteenth street.

The young woman had a purse which appeared to be plentifully filled with money. She also carried a hand satchel.

Chestnut street is a business street and is the Broadway of Philadelphia.

The police description of the woman is as follows:

About twenty years, five feet six inches tall, and weighs about 135 pounds; dark complexion and hair, brown eyes, wearing a red dress, blue waist, blue lace undershirt, white muslin underwear, a blue hat trimmed with ostrich feathers and a blue jacket, laced shoes and a black sash.

FOUND DEAD BY SWEETHEART

Mersner Died of Heart Failure After Quarrel With Her.

John J. Mersner was found dead in his room at 66 Throop avenue, Brooklyn, at noon today by his sweetheart, Lucy Cunningham. He lay on the floor, partly dressed, and a glass of wine was believed to have caused his death.

Mersner and Miss Cunningham were employed in the chemical works at Harrison avenue and Bartlett street, Brooklyn. He was a watchman. She was employed in the stock department.

Mersner had been ill for some time, and last night, at the earnest solicitation of his sweetheart, he went with her to the office of Dr. Francesco, at 35 Tompkins avenue. On the way home Miss Cunningham upbraided her lover for not taking better care of himself. They had a little quarrel and parted.

This morning Mersner did not put in an appearance at the chemical works. Miss Cunningham worried about his non-appearance until noon. Then she could not stand it any longer and rushed to his home, where she inquired breathlessly as to what had become of Mersner.

"I haven't seen him to-day," said Mrs. Schaffer, with whom Mersner boarded.

"Then something is wrong," replied Miss Cunningham, and she rushed upstairs to Mersner's room. The door was not locked.

Miss Cunningham received no answer, and then she pushed open the door. Mersner was lying on the floor. The young woman shrieked and gathered her lover up in her arms. A physician was summoned, but the man had been dead some hours.

Miss Cunningham then personally went out and secured the services of an undertaker and will see that Mersner is properly buried. He had no relatives in this country, and she took complete charge of the funeral arrangements, announcing that the young man would be buried on Friday.

SAYS SON TOOK HER CHILDREN.

Mrs. Lydia Allen Asks Court to Restore Them to Her.

In order to recover her two young children, George Walton Allen and Whitelaw Reid Allen, Lydia J. M. Allen, of Princeton, N. J., procured a writ of habeas corpus this afternoon from Justice Dugro, of the Supreme Court, directing T. Allen, third, of 46 East Twenty-first street, to produce her two sons. She says she is seeking them.

Mrs. Allen lives with her husband, George Allen, in Princeton. She says while she was in Boston this month on a business trip, expecting to be gone a day only, she was taken ill. She at once telegraphed for her boys, but received no answer. She telegraphed again in vain.

Her illness lasted some time, and she learned that Thomas Allen, third, had gone to Princeton and taken her sons away.

She claims he is now unlawfully retaining them. Both are under fourteen years of age.

Thomas Allen, 34, is a son of Mrs. Lydia Allen.

NEELY LIONIZED IN HAVANA JAIL.

Accused Postal Official Tells Visitors He Will Be Acquitted.

Havana, Jan. 30.—Charles F. W. Neely, ex-Chief of the Bureau of Finance of the Cuban Post-Office Department, charged with embezzling \$36,000 of the Department funds, arrived here on the Ward line steamer Mexico from New York today.

Capt. Lucien Young, Captain of the Port, took charge of the prisoner and delivered him to the Keeper of the Carcel.

Lawyer Viondi, Neely's counsel, had a long talk with the prisoner. The latter, who is in good spirits, received many visitors and talked confidently of his acquittal.

FREE AFTER FIVE YEARS IN PRISON

New Yorker Leaves Massachusetts Jail Through His Son's Efforts.

(Special to The Evening World.)

BOSTON, Jan. 30.—Gov. Crane today pardoned James B. Thompson, of New York City, who was serving a sentence of fifteen years in the State Prison at Charlestown, charged with robbing the Post-Office at Webster, Mass., in 1892. Thompson was liberated immediately and left for New York with his son.

Evidence that Thompson never had been in Webster was presented to the Governor.

Thompson is well connected in New York. His son worked unceasingly for his pardon.

The Webster postoffice was robbed on Oct. 21, 1892, and shortly after Thompson was arrested in New York, charged with having bonds that were stolen from the mail. He brought a number of witnesses who testified to his good character.

Thompson also fought extradition to Massachusetts, but was finally brought on here and convicted.

BISHOP POTTER SCORES POLICE

Calls Department Band of "Plunderers and Looters."

Bishop Potter in an interview in an afternoon newspaper to-day reiterates much that he has said regarding the moral and political conditions in New York, and calls the Police Department a "band of looters and plunderers." He considers it the greatest source of evil in the politics of the city.

He says that a good Mayor, under the present conditions, would thoroughly cleanse it and make it a great power for good.

He considers as well taken Mayor Van Wyck's action regarding half-meeting the City Hall flag when the Queen died, but the manner in which he expressed himself was in bad taste.

JUDGE DIDN'T MENTION BONI.

Confirmed Order Allowing Countess \$200,000 a Year.

By settling the order on his decision in the Castellane case Justice Beach today continued the injunction issued by Justice Fitzgerald restraining George Howard, Edwin and Helen Gould, trustees of Jay Gould's estate, from paying more than \$200,000 a year to the Countess Castellane.

The Justice directed the trustees to pay the Countess every month, beginning Jan. 1, 1901, \$16,000.66.

The remainder of the accumulated and accumulating interest he ordered held by the trustees pending the settlement of the suits brought by Anton J. Dittmar, Mr. Dittmar represents Ascher Wertheimer, a London art dealer, who claims \$77,000 from the Count and Countess for art purchased from him and not paid for.

No mention is made of Count Boni in the order, the sum mentioned being for the support of the Countess and her children.

The total income of Anna Gould's share in her father's estate now reaches \$99,000 a year.

"RED LIGHT" CHEFTAIN ON RACK.

CAPT. HERLIHY'S DEFENSE!

WOULD-BE SUICIDE COMES OF A VERY GOOD FAMILY.

The police of the East Fifty-seventh street station who examined the letter left by Mrs. C. Patterson, the would-be suicide of the Park View Hotel, say that she is evidently of good family, but would not disclose the contents of the letter. At 109 East Eighteenth street it was stated that George R. Manchester, Secretary of the Republican County Committee, lived there. Mr. Manchester said he could not identify the woman by the description given, but would visit the hospital tonight. At the hospital it was said she would recover.

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POLICEMAN'S MURDERER CONVICTED.

Frank Riehl, who shot and killed Policeman William Bauermeister on Nov. 29, at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and First avenue, was convicted of murder in the second degree this afternoon. He will be sentenced to life imprisonment to-morrow.

Riehl and a companion had a quarrel on the night of Nov. 29 last and Riehl hit his antagonist on the head with a brick and a way, pursued by a crowd. The leader was Policeman Bauermeister.

PINOCHLE ON JUDGE'S BENCH

Lawyer Levy Shows How Easy It is to Read Marked Cards.

After playing part of a game of pinochle in his own court to-day Magistrate Crane decided that he would not issue a warrant for the arrest of a man charged with having made money by using marked cards.

"If you had won," he said to the would-be complainant, "you would not be here."

Lawyer Elias Levy was the Magistrate's opponent in the game on the bench, which was played to demonstrate that the cards could be read from their backs.

Mr. Levy read them correctly, but couldn't induce the Magistrate to concede a complaint.

M. H. Cohen, a real estate dealer, was Mr. Levy's client. He lives in Yorkville. He said that Saturday afternoon he lost \$125 in a pinochle game with L. Tanenbaum, a banker, of 80 Second avenue. The game was played in Mix Gombossy's cafe, 123 Second avenue. When he had lost his money Cohen says he was told the cards were marked and he took the deck to hold as evidence.

"How do I know you have not marked them since?" asked the Magistrate.

"I swear I didn't," answered Cohen, but he got no warrant.

ROOT WANTS THIRTEENTH.

Secretary of War Will Review Brooklyn Regiment To-night.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Secretary Root left here today for Brooklyn to review the Thirtieth Regiment of heavy artillery in the army of that organization to-night.

It is said that one of the objects of the Secretary's visit is to ascertain the practicability of securing the services of that organization as part of the coast defense system of New York in case of an emergency calling for the prompt reinforcement of the regular garrisons.

DUKE OF YORK IMPROVES.

His Appearance to the English Throne Has the Measure.

COWES, Isle of Wight, Jan. 30.—An official bulletin issued today says that the Duke of York, who is suffering from German measles, is progressing satisfactorily.

A General Denial by the Tammany Police Captain that He Neglected His Duties—Talks of Arrests Made and Instructions Given.

Capt. Herlihy is at last on the rack. He took the witness stand late this afternoon, and interest in the trial of the charges against him of insulting the Rev. Robert L. Paddock took new life.

All manner of information concerning methods in the "red light" district was looked for. A severe cross-examination by ex-Judge Oleott was expected, and as Capt. Herlihy is noted for his angry repartee it was felt that an outburst might occur.

Something akin to fear was felt in certain quarters of the Police Department. Under the probing of the prosecution would Herlihy say something that might implicate higher officials and Tammany? That was the question that caused a greater number of Tammany visitors at Headquarters to-day than at any time during the trial.

Police Capt. Herlihy took the stand at 3 o'clock this afternoon to answer the charge of failing to suppress "Red Light" vice. It was the real beginning of the trial.

He answered the lawyer's questions in a clear, strong voice and his manner was composed.

He said that he took command of the Fifty-seventh street station in September, 1899, succeeding Capt. Hogan.

"What action did you take?" asked Lawyer Grant, "to clean out the district?"

"I made a call for good men," returned the Captain, "and gave orders that they should show the evil rears in the neighborhood."

"In the meantime," he said, "I commanded three men, and two of them were discharged in court. On Dr. Paddock's complaint as Chief Deputy forty men were sent to me. I will tell them: 'Gentlemen, you look into it. If you see any vice suppose it and you will be getting a favor from the Police Board, the Chief, the Inspector or upon myself. This is my sentiment.'"

"Later on I had the first forty men sent back to their old posts and a new forty took their place. All were strangers and single men."

Herlihy said that he had gone to the Pro-Cathedral to see Mr. Paddock, and that his meetings with the clergyman had numbered about forty.

Herlihy said that Mr. Paddock had complained to him specifically of other disreputable resorts. All other complaints were mere general surmises. "In that one case," he added, "I sent a policeman and had the woman arrested."

Lawyer Grant tried hard to get in evidence that Paddock had spoken disrespectfully of the whole police force, Commissioners and all. He was unsuccessful.

WASHINGTON NOT TO PINCH CHINA

Heavy Indemnity Not Likely to Be Asked, and Conger Posted.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Being obliged by the attitude of the other powers interested to continue at Peking the negotiations looking to a settlement of the Chinese difficulties, in spite of a most discouraging outlook for a favorable conclusion there, the Department of State has now sent by cable to Mr. Conger precise and detailed instructions for his guidance in treating of the question of indemnity.

The Ministers have reached finally this important topic, which was one of two or three that the State Department earnestly desired to have dealt with by other agencies and at another capital than Peking.

Hence it is found necessary to furnish Mr. Conger with such exact instructions as will prevent any possible misunderstanding as to the purposes of the United States Government upon this subject.

Realizing that it is easily possible to destroy the Chinese Government and bring about the partition of the Empire, which all Powers express themselves as desirous of preventing, by an ill-judged effort to force terms as to indemnity, the State Department, it is believed, has adopted a lenient attitude, and will lose no opportunity to influence other Powers accordingly.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Thursday, for New York City and vicinity: Snow to-night; ceasing during Thursday; colder Thursday night; brisk easterly winds, becoming high northwest Thursday; Friday fair.

German Express at Hamburg.

HAMBURG, Jan. 30.—The Express, which only left here Jan. 28, returned today to visit the Dampier Express. Fredrick.



JURY SAW PRIZE FIGHT IN COURT.

Pugilist Donovan, Whose Opponent Died in the Ring, Acquitted.

(Special to The Evening World.)

BEAVIDERE, N. J., Jan. 30.—A prize fight in court was the unusual spectacle to which the jury in the case of Frank Donovan, charged with killing Frank Welch, another pugilist, in a boxing bout on New Year's Eve, was treated here today.

Physicians, called to the stand before the exhibition bout, testified to finding a clot of blood at the base of Welch's brain and said that his death, which followed several days after the fight, was due to that cause.

The defense then sprang a sensation in the shape of two Philadelphia prize-fighters, who gave a reproduction of the fatal fight to show that no heavy blows had been struck and that Welch's death was due entirely to collapse.

The jurors welcomed the innovation and smilingly watched the bout and congratulated themselves that there was no admission fee. The spectators in the courtroom exchanged remarks to the effect that it was better than a circus.

and that they were sorry they had dodged jury duty.

The boxers, who were professional prize-fighters from Philadelphia, wore the regulation eight-ounce gloves and furnished a lively contest of several rounds. Their aim was to show how gentle and harmless prize fighting really is, and hard blows were remarkable for their absence. The pugilists had the gentle touch of a greenback man and landed on each other, countered and swung modified solar plexus blows lightly as a feather falling on a snow drift.

The jurors, many of whom had never seen a real prize fight, enjoyed the exhibition, sighed for a little pink lemonade on the side, and promptly acquitted Donovan.

Four men who officiated as seconds at the fight will be tried together next week. If their lawyers are clever enough to introduce a wrestling bout or a few conjuring tricks in court they will no doubt get off as lightly as Donovan.

\$113,000,000 FOR 65,000 MEN

Appropriation Bill Being Prepared Shows Big Figures.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The preparation of the Army Appropriation bill was begun today by the House Committee.

The War Department estimates call for \$113,000,000 on a basis of an army of 65,000 men.

The committee, however, will provide for an army of 100,000, which will increase the appropriation to an amount not yet estimated.

COSSACKS KILL STUDENTS.

Several Victims of Riots in Russian Capital.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—The Westminster Gazette today says serious riots have occurred at Kiev University, the night have taken place between the students and Cossacks, in which many of the former were killed or wounded.

Mamie Reilly, of Harrison, N. J., went with her parents to a funeral of a relative to-day. She was five years old, but the solemnity of the occasion so impressed her that she cried frequently.

The funeral was in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and the coach in which she sat was nearest the grave. The grown folks got out and she was left alone in the vehicle.

She leaned out of the window watching the ceremony, her little face white and a sad look in her eyes.

As the casket was being lowered she was seized with a violent fit of coughing, drove home with their dead daughter, and reached her home dead.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Reilly, the parents, drove home with their dead daughter with grief. It is feared the mother will lose her reason.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Throat-Quinine Tablets. An instant relief to the most stubborn cold. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.